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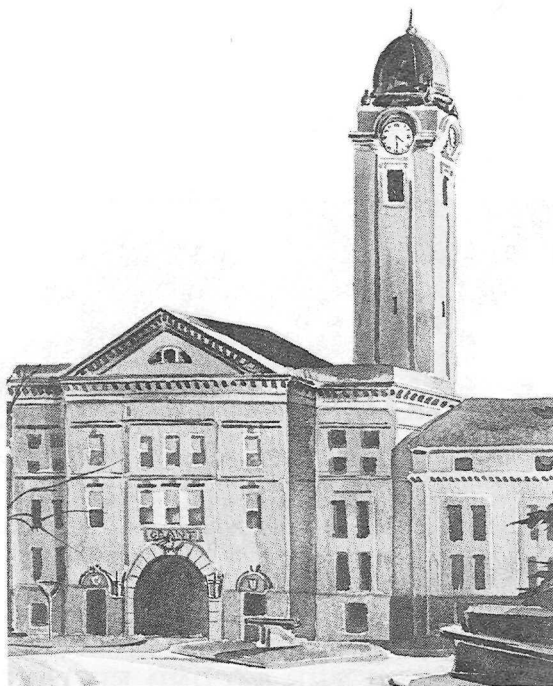
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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION REPRINT

I am delighted that this useful book is being reprinted and made available under the auspices of the Fort Leavenworth Historical Society.

The only updating in this reprint has been the roster of Commandants and Assistant/Deputy Commandants through the present day. This roster is on page VIII. Hopefully, the period since 1937 can someday be published as another volume.

With the post now in its 155th year and the Command and General Staff College in its second century of service to our nation, I hope this reprint will benefit those of us who strive to learn more about our proud heritage.

HOWARD F. STONE
Lieutenant General, USA
Commandant

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS
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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

The demand for another printing of this book affords an opportunity to bring it up to date. Since the publication of the first edition, another decade has passed, and many changes have taken place not only in the improvement of the post but also in ideas and methods of instruction at the School.

In this Second Edition, the original matter covering the first one hundred years has been left unchanged. However, new material and new illustrations have been added. All appendices have been brought up to date.

The mission of the School remains the same, the training of officers in military science—not for the purpose of waging war, but rather to aid in preserving peace.

CHAS. M. BUNDEL,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commandant.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS
DECEMBER 15, 1937.

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

Fort Leavenworth today enters upon the one-hundreth year of its century of service to the Nation—a service which has been unusually varied and notable.

The history of the Fort seems to typify the way in which our Army has marched side by side with American civilization and helped in its remarkable progress. Like the Army, Fort Leavenworth has been a guardian and promoter of the peace and progress of the country, rather than an inciter to war. As the advance post of white civilization in the prairie country west of the Missouri River, it guarded the beginnings of trade over the Santa Fe Trail. Throughout the period of trade extension and western migration, its activities and its position of readiness furnished a large measure of protection and help to our merchants and pioneers. In time of war, it organized and trained many bodies of troops in support of our National policies. During the last quarter century, Fort Leavenworth has developed a great school of higher military command which has received world-wide recognition for its efficiency.

Fort Leavenworth symbolizes the best traditions of the Army—Preparedness and Service. The Army and the Nation have reason to be proud of its history.

EDWARD L. KING,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commandant.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS,
MAY 8, 1926.

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COMMANDANTS OF THE COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF
SCHOOL

NAME	FROM	TO
Bundel, C. M., BG, USA	June, 1936	Mar., 1939
McNair, L. J., BG, USA	Apr., 1939	Oct., 1940
Gruber, E. L., BG, USA	Oct., 1940	May, 1941
Fuller, H. H., BG, USA	June, 1941	Nov., 1941
Lewis, C. R., COL (Acting)	Nov., 1941	Mar., 1942
Truesdell, K., MG, USA	Mar., 1942	Nov., 1945
Gerow, L. T., LTG, USA	Nov., 1945	Jan., 1948
Eddy, M. S., LTG, USA	Jan., 1948	July, 1950
Hartness, H. N., BG, USA (Acting)	July, 1950	Oct., 1950
McBride, H. L., MG, USA	Oct., 1950	Mar., 1952
Hodes, H. I., MG, USA	Mar., 1952	Mar., 1954
Beauchamp, C. E., BG, USA (Acting)	Mar., 1954	July, 1954
Davidson, G. H., MG, USA	July, 1954	July, 1956
McGarr, L. C., MG, USA	July, 1956	July, 1960
Johnson, H. K., MG, USA	Aug., 1960	Feb., 1963
Lemley, H. L., MG, USA	Feb., 1963	July, 1966
Davison, M. S., MG, USA	Aug., 1966	Sep., 1968
Hay, J. H., MG, USA	Sep., 1968	Mar., 1971
Hennessey, J. J., MG, USA	Mar., 1971	Aug., 1973
Cushman, J. H., MG, USA	Aug., 1973	Feb., 1976
Brady, M. J., MG, USA	Feb., 1976	June, 1976
Thurman, J. R., LTG, USA	July, 1976	Sep., 1979
Richardson, W. R., LTG, USA	Oct., 1979	July, 1981
Stone, H. S., LTG, USA	Aug., 1981	

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ASSISTANT COMMANDANTS OF THE COMMAND
AND GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL

NAME	FROM	TO
Honeycutt, F. W., COL, FA	1937	1938
Edmunds, K. B., COL, CAV	1938	1941
Shallenberger, M. C., COL, IN	1941	1944
Campbell, W. A., BG, USA	1944	1945
Weyland, O. P., MG, USA	1945	1946
Dean, W. F., BG, USA	1946	1947
Hartness, H. H., BG, USA	1948	1950
Kelly, H. E., COL, IN	1950	1951
Johnson, M. S., BG, USA	1951	1953
Beauchamp, C. E., BG, USA	1953	1955
Train, W. F., BG, USA	1955	1957
Zierath, F. P., BG, USA	1957	1960
Cunningham, W. A., BG, USA	1960	1961
Lemley, H. J., MG, USA	1961	1963
Townsend, E. C., BG, USA	1963	1965
Taber, R. C., BG, USA	1966	1967
Henderson, D. S., BG, USA	1967	1969
Clay, F. B., BG, USA	1969	1970
Gibson, J. M., BG, USA	1970	1973
Harrison, B. L., BG, USA	1973	1976
Louisell, W. C., BG, USA	1975	1977
Arter, R., BG, USA	1977	1979
Forman, R. H., BG, USA	1979	1981
Saint, C. E., BG, USA	1981	

NOTE: Title changed from Assistant Commandant to Deputy Commandant in 1969.

INTRODUCTION

THE GENERAL SERVICE SCHOOLS FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

May 8, 1926.

Fort Leavenworth's approaching Centennial suggests the desirability of making available an outline of the history which has been developed in and around the Post during the hundred years of its existence.

In preparing such a history, Major Elvid Hunt has not only kept in mind the reference purposes of such a book, but also he has suggested vividly the interesting and picturesque part which Fort Leavenworth played during the most important and significant period of American development in the West.

Major Hunt desires especially to acknowledge the helpfulness of a considerable amount of basic material gathered by the late Henry Shindler; the research assistance of William E. Connelley, Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society; and the valuable collaboration of Ruth B. Hunt. He also wishes to thank the many other friends of Fort Leavenworth who have aided him in the work.

H. J. BREES,
Colonel, Cavalry (D.O.L.),
Assistant Commandant.

APPROVED:

EDW. L. KING,
Brigadier General, U. S. Army,
Commandant.

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